

10/566032

AP20REC9PCT/PD 11 JAN 2006

S/N Filed Herewith

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

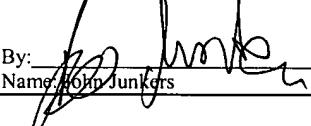
Applicant:	FREEMAN et al.	Examiner:	Unknown
Serial No.:	Filed Herewith	Group Art Unit:	Unknown
Filed:	January 17, 2006	Docket No.:	03164.0200USWO
Title:	A PROCESS FOR UPGRADING AN ORE OR CONCENTRATE		

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.10:

"Express Mail" mailing label number: EV 408494149 US

Date of Deposit: January 17, 2006

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

By:   
Name: John Junkers

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

Mail Stop PCT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Enclosed for the Examiner's information is a copy of the International Search Report. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed September 8, 2004.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

A copy of any foreign patent document or "Other Document" listed on the Form 1449 is enclosed, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Because this application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the U.S. Patents and U.S. patent publications listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are not provided.

10/566032

JAP20 Rec'd PCT/PTO 17 JAN 2006

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

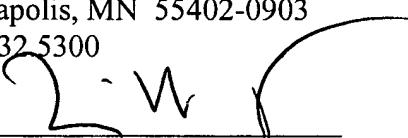
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.  
P.O. Box 2903  
Minneapolis, MN 55402-0903  
(612)332-5300

By:

  
Brian H. Batzli  
Reg. No.: 32,960

Dated: January 17, 2006

BHB/mkc

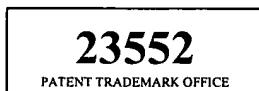
23552

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date Mailed: January 17, 2006

Sheet 1 of 1

<b>FORM 1449*</b> <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b> <b>IN AN APPLICATION</b> (Use several sheets if necessary)	<b>Docket Number:</b> <b>03164.0200USWO</b>	<b>Application Number:</b> <b>101566032</b> <b>Filed Herewith</b>	
		<b>Applicant:</b> FREEMAN et al.	
		<b>Filing Date:</b> January 17, 2006	<b>Group Art Unit:</b> Unknown



**EXAMINER** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE CONSIDERED** \_\_\_\_\_  
**EXAMINER:** Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form for next communication to the Applicant.